Hostel Facilities to Harijan and Scheduled Tribe Students in the State.

*Q.—277. Sri MANJAPPA ULLAL (Karkal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they intend to appoint a committee to examine and report on the present condition of hostels for Harijan and Scheduled Tribe students in the State ;

(*b*) how many more hostels are required to be established, having regard to the strength of boys and girl students of depressed classes in the State ;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the fact that students in Madras Karnatak are experiencing hardships for want of sufficient number of hostels ?

A.—Sri N. RACHAIAH (Minister for Agriculture, Excise and Social Welfare).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) During the year 1959-60, 48 hostels have been opened : 33 in Taluk Headquarters and 15 in District Headquarters. To provide hostel facilities at least at Taluk Headquarters, 140 hostels have yet to be started. Since it is not possible to open all the 140 hostels at one time, more and more hostels are opened every year according to the availability of funds.

(*c*) No such complaints have come to the notice of Government.

Amount spent for the Upliftment of Harijans under First and Second Five-Year Plans.

*Q.—293. Sri T. HANUMIAH (Challakere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total amount spent under I and II Five-Year Plans ;

(*b*) the amount spent for the upliftment of Harijans in the above period ?

A.—Sri N. RACHAIAH (Minister for Agriculture, Excise and Social Welfare).—

(*a*) The total expenditure incurred in the I and II Plans is as follows :—

I Plan 1951 to 1956 : Rs. 40.51 crores (for Old Mysore State only).

II Plan	1956-57 ...	18.3	Crores
	1957-58 ...	20.9	do
	1958-59 ...	25.6	do
	Total ...	64.8	Crores

(*b*) The amount spent for the upliftment of the Harijans (Scheduled Castes) during the above period is Rs. 2,29,13,589.

I Plan period : (Rs. 92,54,522) (for old Mysore State only).

II Plan period : Rs. 1,36,58,067 (till the end of 1958-59 only).

Sale of Waste Silk in the Satte.

*Q.—404. Sri T. P. BORIAH (Kollegal).—

Will the Government bepleased to state :—

The arrangement they have made after the closure of the Mysore Spun Silk Mill at Channapatna for the sale of the waste silk available in the State most of which was being purchased by the said Mill ?

A.—Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Deputy Minister for Planning and Development).—

There was, for some time, slump in the Silk-waste Market on account of lack of demand from foreign markets, though Silk-waste has been exportable on open licence. However, the State Trading Corporation and the Trade Agent for Government of Mysor in London, were addressed to explore the possibility of finding a market for the Silk-waste of the Government Silk Filatures. It is now being disposed of through the Silk Marketing Co-operative Society Ltd., Bangalore. In regard to the disposal of Charka and